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Gwendolyn-

Can you please circulate this to the right individuals?

Thanks,
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Hi Mindy,

We have a few questions that aren't specific to any Act, but are related to enforcement generally. We were also hoping to get responses to these questions by Monday, June 18th.

Please feel free to give me a call with any questions,
Janice

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Enforcement questions

1. Throughout this engagement, we have asked media offices and regions to share examples of where EPA has been involved in investigating possible contamination or violations, and examples of enforcement actions, at well sites. We have received the following examples -- are there additional investigations or examples of enforcement actions at well sites that we should be aware of?

- a. Pavilion, WY
- b. Range Resources, Parker County, TX

- c. Dimock, PA
- d. Chesapeake Energy, Bradford County, PA
- e. BP Alaska (1992-1995) - Conventional well
- f. Poplar, MT - conventional well

2. In addition, several programs provided examples or discussed compliance or enforcement actions at wells, such as Region 3 & 6 Clean Air Act General Duty Clause inspections. Other programs could identify compliance or enforcement actions at oil and gas production facilities but could not easily identify whether some involved well sites, such as SPCC inspections (note: we submitted a separate question on those).

a. Are there any other examples of investigations or enforcement focused on well sites that EPA would like to share with us?

b. Does EPA have any ideas about why there are relatively few such activities at well sites?

3. Re: Bradford County PA blowout - We have a copy of EPA's letter to Chesapeake sent April 22, 2011 requesting information.

a. What happened after that?

b. If Chesapeake responded, please provide a copy of the response.

c. If not, did Chesapeake provide the list of chemicals contained in the releases?

d. Did EPA drop its investigation and defer to the state? Please explain.